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REMARKS

The present application includes claims 106-112 and 114-124. Claims 106, 111 and 114-123 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 107-109 and 112 have been objected to by the Examiner, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 110 has been allowed.

By this response, claims 106, 111, 114-123 have been canceled from this application without prejudice. Objected-to claim 107 has been cancelled and rewritten in independent form as new claim 124. Objected-to claims 108, 109 and 112 have been amended to depend from new claim 124.

The Examiner has allowed claim 110.

Objected-to claim 107 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 124, and thus is allowable; the Examiner having stated that claim 107 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Claims 108, 109 and 112 have been amended to depend from an allowable claim (new independent claim 124), and thus are allowable.

By this Response, Applicant has canceled claims 106-107, 111 and 113-123, rendering the remainder of the Examiner's rejections moot. The Applicant has filed these canceled claims in a separate continuation for further prosecution. The Applicant submits claims 108-110, 112 and 124 are in condition for allowance as indicated in the Examiner's Action of February 24, 2006.
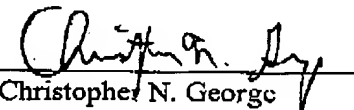
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CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.   Early allowance is respectfully requested.   Should the Examiner feel that any outstanding issues remain, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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